

# Session 14: Next steps & responsibilities

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TRANSBOUNDARY WATER ALLOCATION HANDBOOK  
*Third Meeting of the Expert Group*  
(Virtual, 20-21 October 2020)



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# Contents of the Global Handbook



- I Introduction
- II Issues Water Allocation Can Address
- III Limitations to Water Allocation & Broader Approaches
- IV Principles and Objectives of Transboundary Water Allocation
- V Cooperative Frameworks for Transboundary Water Allocation
- VI Knowledge Base for Transboundary Water Allocation
- VII Operationalizing Transboundary Water Allocation: Processes, Mechanisms & Examples
- VIII Lessons Learned & Main Messages
- IX Conclusions

**CASE STUDIES:** over 30 case studies worldwide selected for inclusion to highlight global practices  
-> Key features written into Handbook to illustrate elements of transboundary water allocation  
-> 1page profiles written/reviewed/approved by the co-riparian states will be listed in the ANNEX

# Objectives of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Expert Group Meeting



Sent the following documents for your review and feedback:

- 1 MS Word Document with the working drafts of Chapters I, II, IV and V
- 1 MS Word Document with the working drafts of Chapters VI & VII

Please note:

- **These are working drafts for now** and will be until we have a complete first full draft.
- These Chapters **should not be considered complete or final drafts** of any Handbook content.

We are holding this third Expert Group now to be able to:

- **Further refine, get your comments on and fill gaps** on the more detailed content of the early Chapters (Chapters I, II, IV and V) which is available at present;
- **Provide inputs, ideas and further resources on the overarching content** of Chapters VI & VII
- **Discuss the working draft of the Handbook's Main Messages**

# Objectives of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Expert Group Meeting



- **Chapter III:** is currently being drafted by the Secretariat, with the support of the Drafting Team, and will subsequently be integrated with the other chapters following this meeting and be available for review in the full draft.
- **Main Messages:** under ongoing development, sent to you in working draft format for feedback.

**YOUR FEEDBACK:** There are **three** avenues in which you can comment and provide feedback:

- Prior to the meeting, via email to the secretariat, via track changes and comments in the document;
- During the meeting through verbal interventions or questions in the chat box during discussions on any of the structure or content;
- After the meeting, via email to the secretariat, with any new or additional feedback taking into consideration the existing feedback already highlighted during the meeting – to avoid duplication of effort – via track changes and comments in the document **up until 8 November 2020.**

# Key milestones for review, feedback, inputs



## Expert Group Meetings

- 1<sup>st</sup> on 21 October 2019; 2<sup>nd</sup> on 30-31 March 2020; 3<sup>rd</sup> on 20-21 October 2020

## Regional Workshops 2020

- 1<sup>st</sup> for Central Asia on 22-23 Sept; 2<sup>nd</sup> for Europe & Neighbourhood on 5-6 Oct
- SINGLE SESSION: MENA Workshop on Transboundary Water Cooperation on 3-4 March 2020

## Regular Meetings under the Water Convention

- Working Group on IWRM & Bureau Meetings: Oct 2019; Sept 2020; Apr 2021
- Working Group on Monitoring & Assessment: Dec 2019
- Nexus Task Force on Food, Water, Energy Nexus: 22-23 Oct 2020

## Meeting of the Parties

- Launch the publication at 9<sup>th</sup> session & its adoption on 29 Sept – 1 Oct 2021 in Tallinn, Estonia

# DRAFT SCHEDULE: Review, inputs & feedback



## DRAFTING & REFINING HANDBOOK CHAPTERS

- Working Draft Chapters I, II, IV, V + Working Draft Chapters VI & VII + Working Draft Main Messages
  - **8 November 2020:** *EG to provide responses by email to the Secretariat*

## CASE STUDIES

- **October 2020:** Submission of case studies: **Urgent!**
- **November 2020 – April 2021:** Review of case studies & integration into the narrative of the Handbook
  - *Secretariat will coordinate with designated focal points for review and approval for inclusion in the Annex*

## FIRST FULL DRAFT OF HANDBOOK TEXT

- **December 2020:** Each chapter is submitted by drafting team. Each reviewed, edited & collated by Secretariat.
- **January 2021:** Sent by Secretariat to the Expert Group & to national focal points to the Convention
  - **February 2021:** *[4 weeks for review] Responses to be provided by email to the Secretariat*

## SECOND FULL DRAFT OF HANDBOOK TEXT INCLUDING CASE STUDIES

- **March – April 2021:** Completed by the secretariat & submitted as an informal document to the IWRM WG
  - **26-28 April 2021:** discussed & reviewed at IWRM WG, possible to submit feedback by **9 May 2021**

## FINAL FULL DRAFT OF HANDBOOK TEXT INCLUDING CASE STUDIES

- **31 May 2021:** Final draft submitted to the Bureau of Convention for final review and approval
  - Any final feedback would be incorporated into the final version in early June 2021

## TRANSLATION & DESIGN

- **June 2021**
  - Translation of the Handbook into French, Spanish, Russian
  - Design elements for the publication completed for the Handbook

## SUBMISSION & PUBLICATION

- **July 2021:** Publication finalized in all 4 languages in PDF Format
- **21 July 2021:** Transboundary Water Allocation Handbook officially submitted to 9<sup>th</sup> MoP for adoption
- **July-August 2021:** Publication copies printed

## LAUNCH & ADOPTION

- **29 Sept – 1 Oct 2021:** Handbook is launched at the 9<sup>th</sup> MoP thereby tabled for discussion & adoption



# Timeline for development & publication until MoP9





# Key contacts, roles & responsibilities



## Water Convention Secretariat (Remy Kinna & Annukka Lipponen)

- Overall Handbook coordination, convene meetings, collecting case studies, finalise drafts

## Hungary (Peter Kovacs)

- Country leading this activity in Programme of Work, consult & advise secretariat

## International Water Assessment Centre (Zhanar Mautanova & Peep Mardiste)

- 2 projects on water allocation within Central Asia & neighbours feeding into global Handbook

## Handbook Project Team (Antti Belisnkij, Suvi Sojamo, Tuula Honkonen & Lauri Ahopelto)

- University of Eastern Finland and the Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
- Drafting Handbook chapters, coordinate inputs/reviews, integrating case studies

## Expert Group

# Looking forward: future Programme of Work



## Water Convention Programme of Work (2022-2024)

- Programme of work to be read together with strategy for the implementation at global level

## What would be priority work on Transboundary Water Allocation moving forward?

- We need your inputs on what to focus on for transboundary water allocation
- Should look to build upon the Handbook launch and past activities e.g. 2017 global workshop

## Survey for next PoW can be shared with you all, welcome your inputs

- Objective: Online survey aims at informing the development of the future 2022-2024 programme of work (POW) under the Water Convention
- Language: English, French, Russian and Spanish
- Structure: based on the current POW and its programme areas
- **DEADLINE: 3 weeks after launch of the survey**
- **Submission of the draft PoW on 15 February 2021, discussed 26-28 April at the IWRM WG**

# Questions & Feedback?

Additional information on the Water Convention's work on transboundary water allocation:  
<https://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/conventions/water/areas-of-work-of-the-convention/water-allocation-in-a-transboundary-context.html>

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